

# KILL YOUR BURGLAR

## New law boosts right to defend home

**HOUSEHOLDERS could have the right to kill burglars if a new law wins MPs' approval.**

The proposal would allow people to defend their families and property against violent intruders.

The controversial legislation would mean residents will only be prosecuted if they use "grossly excessive" force.

The change would come in a private Bill demanding far-reaching new rights for crime victims, to be put before MPs by Tory security spokesman Patrick Mercer.

"The purpose is so that, if an intruder is killed or injured in someone's private home,

■ by STEPHEN RIGLEY

the presumption is that the householder, has acted within his or her rights," he said.

"This is a question of people not expecting to be tried and charged in the event of them defending their own home.

### Blame

"I am trying to redress the balance of the blame between victim and perpetrator."

Tory leaders are backing the MP's move which will force victims' rights to the top of the political agenda and put more pressure on Home Secretary David Blunkett.

Last week, Britain's most

senior policeman, Sir John Stevens, called for urgent reform of the self-defence laws.

The Metropolitan Commissioner said the present law - that householders can use only "reasonable force" - leaves people unsure about self-defence.

The Home Office refused to comment last night. A spokesman said: "No decisions have been taken and no avenues closed off."

The most high-profile case in recent times was Norfolk farmer Tony Martin, 60, who shot and killed a burglar and injured another after they raided his remote home five years ago.

But the Tories say their proposals would not have cleared Martin because he shot a person in the back with an illegal weapon.



JAIL: Farmer Tony Martin

## 'Postie' raider hunted

ONE of the killers of John Monckton dressed as a postman to trick his way into the millionaire financier's home, police said yesterday.

John, 49, was stabbed to death by burglars at home in Chelsea, west London, last week.

His wife Homeyra, 45, was injured and is still in hospital.

Police also revealed yesterday that one of the burglars was hurt and left a trail of blood in the street.

**WEIGH TO GO:** Telly heavyweight James Gandolfini takes a break on set in Louisiana

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EX APPEAL: Star Sean Penn

## Big role for King James

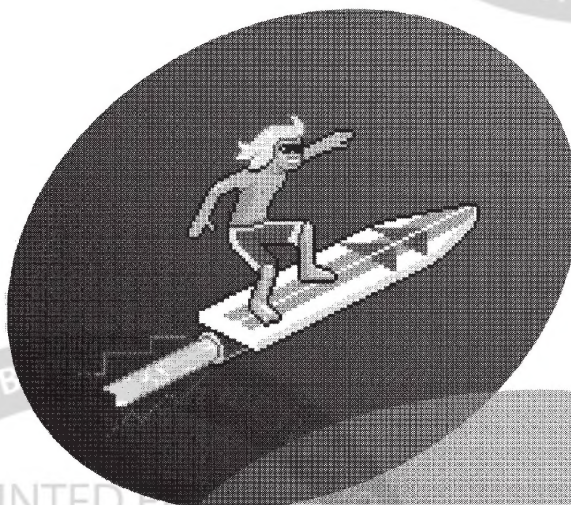
■ TELLY heavyweight James Gandolfini looks guaranteed to make it big in his upcoming movie, judging by our snap of him relaxing on the set.

The tubby Sopranos star, 44, is busy shooting political drama All The King's Men in Louisiana, alongside actor/director Sean Penn, 43.

The movie also features British stars Jude Law, 31, and Kate Winslet, 29.



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# JOE MOTT'S AWARD WINNING Hot

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## Westlife



DEAL: Natasha

### Model role for Tasha

**NATASHA** Bedingfield is moving into modelling by posing as the face of a top brand.

The Unwritten hit-maker has been sworn to secrecy but promises her favourite showbiz column will be the first to know when she's ready to unveil the brand that has put a mega-bucks deal on the table.

Tash confessed: "I like my clothes to be something different and to reflect who I am - like my music."

"There is some modelling stuff in the pipeline. I'm going to be the face of something."

#### Beaming

Not only will the 22-year-old have her pretty face beaming out of ads next year, but she's also scheduling in a gruelling tour in a bid to crack America. She said: "I'm going straight out there after my Christmas holiday for a week."

"It's very hard to break America but I want to represent Britain."

Given her 2004 success here, I predict Natasha will win over the Yanks in no time.

### Jess fit to bust

TESTAMENT to the fact that she's very fit, **Jessica Simpson** is cashing in by releasing a workout video and her own line of gym equipment.

The busy 24-year-old blonde - who is filming a big-screen version of telly hit *The Dukes of Hazzard* - even revealed a slight change of direction in her music career.

Speaking about her next record, the busty American babe said: "I still want to keep it pop, but I'm planning to steer left a bit."

"Maybe I'll put a little bit of country in there, or a little bit of jazz."

### HAN'S IN KEY OF SEA

**CURVY** cutie **Hannah Lewis** pops out for a leisurely stroll along the beach in my exclusive picture.

Hannah, 23, and her **POPI** bandmates were feeling hot and bothered while filming the video to their third single, *Serious*, over in L.A.

Thankfully they've ditched their tacky past and this fresh track takes a pinch of 80s Miami Vice style.

**POP!** are hoping *Serious* will be their first Top 10 hit when it's released on January 10.

If so, they tell me they're considering covering **Olivia Newton John's** *Xanadu* next.

I'm not sure if that's a good or a bad thing, but so long as the stylist keeps the girls in skimpy that'll please all the Hot boys.



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## Army to get free money

SOLDIERS could soon be using free cash machines on Army bases.

Arrows had erupted because Army holes-in-the-wall charge £1.50 for withdrawals.

There are free machines at some bases – but only in the officers' mess. Now Barclays will meet Ministry of Defence officials to discuss placing no-charge machines on most UK Army bases.

# SAS GIRLS! HAVE YOU LOST THE PLOT HOON?



**DEFENCE Secretary Geoff Hoon had the SAS on the warpath by saying women should be allowed to join.**

Shocked officers sat in silence when he urged them to be "more gender inclusive" in a speech at the elite force's HQ.

They refused to applaud Mr Hoon and angrily snubbed his suggestion.

One senior SAS source

■ by IAIN BURCHELL

fumed: "Mr Hoon is simply trying to make us politically correct and we're not – we kill people."

### Physical

Officers say women wouldn't cope with the physical demands of the crack fighting force and would "cause problems" among the troops.

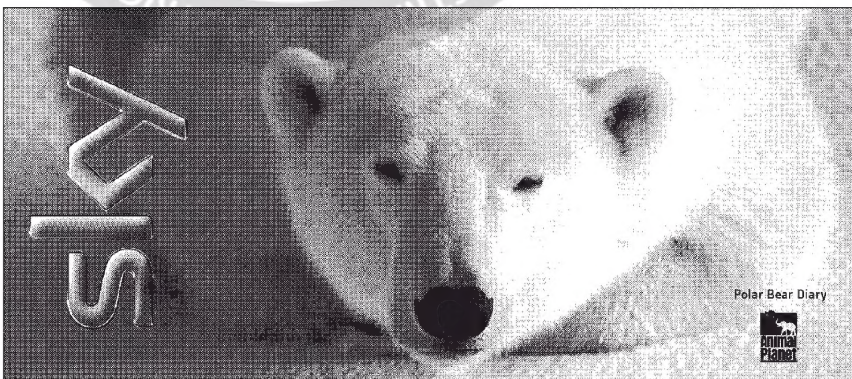
But they fear Mr Hoon may still order a rule

change to let women tackle the SAS's tough selection course.

The Ministry of Defence denied Mr Hoon raised the issue when he visited the SAS HQ near Hereford.

But SAS insiders who were at the meeting insist he was left humiliated. A senior officer is said to have told Mr Hoon: "If that is all you have to say, I think we are done here."

The SAS source added: "Hoon's ignorance about the subject angered everyone."



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RELIEF: A British soldier smiles as he leaves Camp Dogwood

## D-Day for the Watch



ALLIES: Col Johnson with Black Watch

THE Black Watch's future is set to be decided by Army chiefs today.

Plans to cut six Scottish regiments to five will be discussed by the executive committee of the Army Board.

The Black Watch is one of the regiments likely to be affected.

Its soldiers have returned to Basra after backing US Marines, led by Col Ren Johnson, in Iraq's Triangle of Death.

Lance Corporal Terry Ward, 23, from Fife, said: "Aixing us would be the worst decision Tony Blair has ever made."





MONSTER ROLE: Daltrey

## Roger's kidding

LEGENDARY rock hell-raiser Roger Daltrey has a new role - as a singing 7ft dragon.

The Who lead singer is providing the voice of the character, called Argon, in new children's film *The Wheels On The Bus*, to hit shops in the States in time for Christmas.

The video and DVD release is a mixture of live actors and puppets.

Roger, 60, a dad of six and grandfather to 10, said: "It's a great way of introducing music to a whole new generation of kids."

## Oyl be seeing you, Popeye

PIPE-smoking Popeye is back on the box to woo a new generation of kids. The spinach-guzzling sailor, along with Olive Oyl and kid Swee' pea, stars on children's channel Boomerang from Saturday.

# MARTIN'S ALL-CLEAR



## He beats big C

by MARIANNA PARTASIDES

**TELLY** hunk Martin Kemp has finally beaten cancer after a 10-year battle with life-threatening brain tumours.

The former *EastEnders* star yesterday spoke of his joy at being given the all-clear. It means the 43-year-old, who played smoothie baddie Steve Owen in the BBC soap, can at last put his health worries behind him and concentrate on his telly comeback.

Dad-of-two Martin admitted he was terrified they'd find another tumour during his check-up.

"If you make it to 10 years they reckon you're cured," he said. "On the day, I was convinced they were going to find something. I couldn't believe it when they gave me the all-clear. It was an amazing feeling."

Martin went straight home to break the good news to wife Shirley and their two children Roman, 12, and Harley 16.

"Just being quietly at home with them was all the celebration I needed," he said.

The former Spandau Ballet star will make his TV comeback on December 13, playing another rogue - a bogus Lottery-winner in ITV drama *Can't Buy Me Love*.

He said: "I've played a lot of criminals in my time, but I'd have broken my parents' hearts if I'd ended up as one myself."

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COMEBACK: Martin Kemp

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# PERIL OF KEEP FIT BINGEING

**FORGET binge drinking - Brits are now being warned about the dangers of binge exercising by health experts.**

People rushing to the gym to get into shape after Christmas could do more harm than good.

Over-exercising can leave people demotivated, totally exhausted and suffering from damaged joints.

## Shape

Linda Bishop-Bailey, of the Institute of Sport and Recreation Management, said: "Getting in shape isn't something that happens in a couple of weeks. "Binge-eating and drink-

ing is seen as the norm over the festive period, but bingeing in the gym is not the solution."

The Tories yesterday pledged to offer every child two hours' free sports tuition a week in a bid to tackle obesity.



FIT: But don't overdo it

## Frozen pees...

A COUPLE were shocked when a block of ice from a passing plane's leaky loo wrecked their roof.

Anita Unsworth, 55, and husband Peter, 58, woke to find the ice in the attic.

Anita, of Portsmouth, said: "At first I thought it was from outer space."

## Hubby's despair

NEWLYWED Les Foster, 69, hacked off his hand with a kitchen knife and bled to death after money problems wrecked his marriage to Eirwen Lyddiatt, 75, an Inquest in Pontypridd, South Wales, heard. Verdict: Suicide.

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# Express Star Charts



STROP STAR: Sir Elton

ELTON John laid into Posh over the Beckhams' marriage problems. Meanwhile, Essex girl Denise van Outen finds comfort with Jason Statham after finishing with club owner Richard Travis last month. The pair have been on dates together after being introduced by Nick Moran.

Our OK! Celebrity Chart is based on stars' coverage in Express newspapers - your Daily Star, our sister papers the Daily Express and Sunday Express - and OK!, Britain's best celebrity magazine. It's THE guide to who's hot and who's not that's got everyone talking.

## TOP 40 ALBUMS



- 1 (1) HOW TO DISMANTLE AN ATOMIC BOMB U2
- 2 (3) GREATEST HITS Robbie Williams
- 3 (2) ENCORE Eminem
- 4 (5) IL DIVO Il Divo
- 5 (4) ULTIMATE KYLIE Kylie Minogue
- 6 (-) WHAT WILL THE NEIGHBOURS SAY Girls Aloud
- 7 (6) GREATEST HITS Shania Twain
- 8 (-) TIME TO GROW Lemar
- 9 (16) SONGS ABOUT JANE Maroon 5
- 10 (8) 10 YEARS OF HITS Ronan Keating
- 11 (7) GREATEST HITS - MY PREROGATIVE Britney Spears
- 12 (10) HOPES AND FEARS Keane
- 13 (24) LIVE - A TICKET FOR EVERYONE Busted
- 14 (11) SCISSOR SISTERS Scissor Sisters
- 15 (13) ALLOW US TO BE FRANK Westlife
- 16 (12) BEST OF Blue
- 17 (15) AMERICAN IDIOT Green Day
- 18 (9) DESTINY FULFILLED Destiny's Child
- 19 (18) UNWRITTEN Natasha Bedingfield
- 20 (19) SINGLES Travis
- 21 (17) LOVE SONGS Phil Collins
- 22 (21) ALL THE BEST Tina Turner
- 23 (26) MIND BODY & SOUL Joss Stone
- 24 (-) IRISH SONG Brian McFadden
- 25 (30) ROOM ON THE 3RD FLOOR McFly
- 26 (22) STARDUST - THE GREAT AMERICAN - VOL III Rod Stewart
- 27 (35) SECOND NATURE Katherine Jenkins
- 28 (28) ANASTACIA Anastacia
- 29 (-) PLATINUM COLLECTION Genesis
- 30 (14) LOVE ANGEL MUSIC BABY Gwen Stefani
- 31 (20) CONFESSIONS Usher
- 32 (23) THE GREATEST HITS Wet Wet Wet
- 33 (27) FINAL STRAW Snow Patrol
- 34 (32) TWENTY SOMETHING Jamie Cullum
- 35 (34) OUT OF NOTHING Embrace
- 36 (37) THE CHRISTMAS ALBUM Aled Jones
- 37 (31) NUMBER ONE'S Bee Gees
- 38 (-) COLLISION Jay-Z & Linkin Park
- 39 (29) GOLD - GREATEST HITS Abba
- 40 (36) PEACH TREE ROAD Elton John

## THE OK! CELEBRITY CHART

- 1) **SOPHIE ANDERTON** - Speaks of how she has beaten booze and drugs before giving details of her non-stop sex life.
- 2) **ELTON JOHN** - Publically blasted Victoria for not going to Madrid with David.
- 3) **CHRIS PARKER** - His contract was terminated by EastEnders after attempting suicide over rumours about his homosexuality.
- 4) **NIKKI SANDERSON** - Corrie babe Nikki is being chased by fellow Street star Danny Young and England footballer Alan Smith.
- 5) **DENISE VAN OUTEN** - She finds comfort with Kelly Brook's ex, Jason Statham,



COMFORT: Denise

- after finishing with Richard Travis.
- 6) **KERRY KATONA** - Shows off her amazing new look after going from blonde to brunette.
- 7) **JOE PASQUALE** - Proves to Jungle viewers just why he should win I'm A Celebrity.
- 8) **ORLANDO BLOOM** - His relationship with movie beauty Kate Bosworth is on the rocks.
- 9) **LUCY-JO HUDSON** - Led the cull of six Coronation Street stars who'll be axed next year.
- 10) **TABBY** - The Irish rock wannabe got the boot from ITV hit show X Factor

## TOP 40 SINGLES



- 1 (-) DO THEY KNOW IT'S CHRISTMAS Band Aid 20
- 2 (-) YOU CAN DO IT Ice Cube ft Mack & Ms Toi
- 3 (2) LOSE MY BREATH Destiny's Child
- 4 (1) I'LL STAND BY YOU Girls Aloud
- 5 (-) BOULEVARD OF BROKEN DREAMS Green Day
- 6 (-) UNWRITTEN Natasha Bedingfield
- 7 (3) IF THERE'S ANY JUSTICE Lemar
- 8 (-) KILIMANJARO Babyshambles
- 9 (5) TILT YA HEAD BACK Nelly & Christina Aguilera
- 10 (-) DROP IT LIKE IT'S HOT Snoop Dogg ft Pharrell
- 11 (8) WHAT YOU WAITING FOR Gwen Stefani
- 12 (7) JUST LOSE IT Eminem
- 13 (6) IRISH SON Brian McFadden
- 14 (9) BABY IT'S YOU Jojo ft Bow Wow
- 15 (4) RIDE IT Geri Halliwell
- 16 (12) OUT OF TOUCH Uniting Nations
- 17 (15) CAR WASH Christina Aguilera ft Missy
- 18 (14) NUMB/ENCORE Jay-Z & Linkin Park
- 19 (11) CONFESSIONS PART II Usher
- 20 (-) RIP IT UP Razortlight
- 21 (17) CALL ON ME Eric Prydz
- 22 (13) VERTIGO U2
- 23 (19) DJ/STOP Jamelia
- 24 (10) PARTY FOR TWO Shania Twain
- 25 (22) THE WEEKEND ft Mark McGrath
- 26 (16) ROOM ON THE 3RD FLOOR Michael Gray
- 27 (-) A LITTLE BIT OF ACTION McFly
- 28 (20) CURTAIN FALLS Nadia
- 29 (-) RIGHT TO BE WRONG Blue
- 30 (-) COULD WELL BE IN Joss Stone
- 31 (25) MY NECK MY BACK (LICK IT) Khia
- 32 (-) ROCKER Aller Ego
- 33 (18) THIS IS THE LAST TIME Keane
- 34 (32) MILLIONAIRE Kelis ft Andre
- 35 (26) MY PREROGATIVE Britney Spears
- 36 (24) ASHES Embrace
- 37 (30) DREAM Dizzee Rascal
- 38 (39) FLASHDANCE Deep Dish
- 39 (-) FLYING Bryan Adams
- 40 (34) HUNGRY EYES Eye Opener



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# WHAT KATE DID NEXT...

## She'll quit to be a doctor

**BRIT beauty Kate Beckinsale plans to ditch Hollywood and study to be a doctor instead.**

Sexy Kate, 31, isn't satisfied with her string of movie hits, including big budget epic Pearl Harbor.

"I'd rather be a good GP than a mediocre actress," says the young mum. "I've explored the option of doing my medical training in London, and I still have plenty of time to train as a doctor."

Kate - who landed roles in Underworld

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and Van Helsing after moving to LA - adds: "I've got the most extraordinary GP in London - he's like the Mozart of medicine. He's given me inspiration."

### Free

Her shock decision comes just as she is hitting the top of her acting game, with a role in director Martin Scorsese's new movie, The Aviator.

Kate said: "I'm not feeling free as an actress. Until recently I didn't feel like I was pigeonholed."

"But the way I've been perceived lately is that I'm only doing Hollywood stuff. I find that really oppressive."

Kate who is settling into her new family life, added: "I'm not the type of person who's happy to film in Morocco while my child is in Los Angeles."



TONIC FOR FANS: Kate, the glamour queen

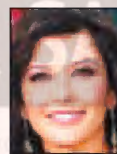
## Cath's our top earner

MOVIE beauty Catherine Zeta Jones has become Britain's highest-paid actress of all time, doubling her massive fortune in less than 12 months.

The Swansea sizzler, 35, is even on course to overtake husband Michael Douglas, 60, in the money stakes.

The Oscar-winner's earnings have shot up from £36million to almost £80m this year, thanks to hot movie roles in films such as Chicago, shrewd property deals and big-money sponsorship deals.

It's an amazing success for Catherine, whose showbiz career started with a £350 prize in a Butlin's talent contest aged just 10.



WINNER: Zeta

## Leo is king of cheese

HUNKY Leonardo DiCaprio's line "I'm the king of the world!" in Titanic has been voted the cheesiest in film history.

Second naффest in a poll was Patrick Swayze in Dirty Dancing: "Nobody puts Baby in the corner." And third was Andie MacDowell in Four Weddings and A Funeral: "Is it still raining? I hadn't noticed."



NAFF: DiCaprio

## Bond's Xmas No1

WHEN it comes to Christmas Day viewing, there's only one name to remember... Bond, James Bond.

Goldfinger, with Sean Connery (right) as 007, topped a Comet poll to find our fave festive films. It was followed by The Snowman and Home Alone, with five other Bond movies in the Top 20.



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## They've put the great in Britain

**J**UST days after the death of the video recorder was announced, VCRs were whirling away as programme planners gave viewers an irritating, senseless and self-defeating scheduling clash.

Friday night, 9pm. *Little Britain* on BBC1 versus *Peter Kay in Max And Paddy's Road To Nowhere* on Channel 4.

Two superb comedies, showcases for some of the hottest new talent to emerge in years. Both aimed at exactly the same audience.

Naturally, they had to go head-to-head. Well done, everyone.

So on to *Little Britain*, a show whose catchphrases have already entered the language, and where projectile-vomiting Maggie and Judy and repressed posh chap Harvey Pincher, who literally hasn't weaned himself away from mummy, must have threatened to send the BBC switchboard into meltdown.

Last week, I feared that Harvey ("Bitty, bitty") wouldn't survive the transfer from BBC3, *Little Britain's* original home, to the main channel.

He's utterly, irredeemably revolting – as are the two bigoted WI ladies who throw up spectacularly when they discover that the jam and scones they've been sampling were made by an Asian woman, a lesbian or people from the homeless shelter.

But they all survived, uncut as far as I could tell. So did grotesque "fat farm" freeloader Mrs De Vere ("Call me Bubbles"), who stripped off, revealing breasts like roofers' nailbags – and much else besides – to offer herself to the terrified manager in lieu of her bill.

Writers and performers Matt Lucas and David Walliams have tweaked and trimmed the show themselves, rather than let some cack-handed BBC suit loose on it with a blunt pair of shears. I'm pleased to say I could hardly see the join.

### THICK ENDERS

**L**AUGHS came thick and fast in *EastEnders*. Mainly, thick. Dennis to Zoe: "What am I? A performing seal?" Of course not. A performing seal is entertaining. It can balance a ball on its nose and clap its flippers at the same time – a skill Dennis could never master.

Tariq to Ronny Ferreira: "Living with you is about as much fun as living with toxic waste."

Charlie Slater to Stacey (sticking up for Pat Evans): "She's not fat...and she ain't an old cow."

Actually, Charlie, she is.



COMIC GENIUS: Lucas and Walliams in *Little Britain*

**I**MAGINE... Beautiful Dreamer (Wednesday, BBC1) told the story of Beach Boy Brian Wilson's torment over his "lost" album, *Smile*, that was finally premiered after almost 40 years at London's Royal Festival Hall in February. Heroes And Villains, Good Vibrations and the exquisite, haunting lament *Surf's Up*... Works of genius, no argument.

Except – and this is so wrong and yet so wonderfully appropriate that I want to shout with joy – in the case of Dafydd, *The Only Gay In The Village*. Part of the fun of watching Dafydd's scenes was hearing extremely rude words emerge from the mouth of his tolerant and

sympathetic mother, played by Ruth Madoc (known for all time as prim Gladys Pugh in *Hi-De-Hi*).

But some of her lines, and Dafydd's, and his father's (played by Walliams) have been recorded and toned down. So there wasn't much shock value when she asked her son: "Have you not had any bottom action at all?"

I won't spell it out, but the word she used was much shorter.

Not to worry, though. Hardly anything else has changed. Vicky Pollard ("It's true, I swear on Duncan out of Blue's life!") is still shoplifting and idle Andy is still pretending to be wheelchair-bound and selfishly treating his devoted carer Lou as his slave.

### Sweet music

**T**WO-Tone *Britain* (Monday, C4) celebrated a pop revolution that erupted 25 years ago and still reverberates today – the fusion of British punk and West Indian ska, typified by bands such as Madness, The Specials and The Beat.

Older viewers might have questioned narrator Mark Lamarr's claim that barriers were broken by black and white musicians playing together for the first time.

What about Eddie Grant's band, The Equals, who reached number one in 1968 with *Baby Come Back*? Or The Foundations and Georgie Fame and The Blue Flames? Or even further back, Emile Ford and The Checkmates?

Small quibble. In the main, this was a well-researched, thoughtful and hugely entertaining nostalgia-fest.

#### CLANGER OF THE WEEK:

TWO seasons in one day in *Emmerdale*, where a decorated Christmas tree was up in the café – while outside, villagers were helping to harvest Rodney's grapes. Like Mrs J Dawson of King's Lynn, Norfolk, you could win £50 by sending gaffes to TV Clangers, Daily Star, 10 Lower Thames Street, London EC3R 6EN. Use a postcard or the back of a sealed envelope, fax to 0871 4347921 or e-mail [charlie.catchpole@dailystar.co.uk](mailto:charlie.catchpole@dailystar.co.uk)

#### UNDERSTATEMENT of the week – Iggy Pop's then manager Danny Fields on *The South Bank Show* (Sunday, ITV1), describing the time he found the wild man of rock in a lavatory cubicle with a needle sticking out of his arm and blood dripping on to the floor: "I thought, this is no good..."

## PUSSYCATS IN JUNGLE

**I**T'S not hard to work out the reasons for the dramatic slump in viewing figures for *I'm A Celebrity...Get Me Out Of Here*.

1 ITV opting to chase pre-Christmas advert revenue, and screening the show too soon after the last series.

2 A fatal lack of any "hanky-panky, à la Jordan and Peter Andre."

3 Damn near impossible Bush Tucker Trials which many viewers perceived

as being pointlessly cruel.

4 Contestants who, with the exception of Mad Woman, Shouty Woman and Cry Baby were among the dullest people ever to walk the earth...

There's no reason why the next series shouldn't claw back the missing millions, as long as the producers remember what made it work in the first place – conflict, sexual tension, insecurities laid bare, and enormous egos exploding.

**LUXURY!** Paddy, enjoying prison life in *Max And Paddy's Road To Nowhere* (Friday, C4): "We're better off in here. Duvets, Sky Plus, Terry's All Gold..."

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**DON'T ANSWER THAT:** "Am I camp leader or what?" Paul Burrell on *I'm A Celebrity...Get Me Out Of Here!*



**HOT LEGS:**  
Jamelia is  
the new  
face of  
Pretty Polly



# FLIRTING'S JUST PART OF THE JOB FOR Girl of the

**SHE'S got a blinging body, a smile like a supernova and a head that's 100 per cent screwed on.**

So it's no wonder Jamelia's new-found curves and confidence have made her more popular with the boys than ever.

"I really believe flirting's part of my job," says Jamelia, somehow managing to look sexy and chic in washed-out jeans, T-shirt and trainers. The 23-year-old R&B star is riding high and knows it. In the last year

■ EXCLUSIVE by SIMON GAGE

she's had three top-ten hits, a song (See It In A Boy's Eyes) written for her by Chris Martin and become proud owner of three MOBOs and a Q award.

She's inspired fashion designers Matthew Williamson and Julien Macdonald and has just landed a £100,000 deal as the legs of Pretty Polly.

"What amazes me is that all these designers send me stuff," Jamelia enthuses. "And I get to keep it! Dolce & Gabbana insisted on dressing me for the MOBOs. It's mad!"

This isn't her first ride on fame's merry-go-round. Four years ago she had a No.5 hit with Money, but dropped out of the lime-light to have a little girl, Teja, who is now three.

She also had to pull herself free from an abusive relationship. But it's for Teja that she's clawed her way back to stardom. You just have to listen to her emotionally-charged track Thank You for the details - she wrote it to tell her story to others.

## Saucy

Today Jamelia's clearly stronger and sexier than ever. How gorgeous does she feel?

"Well, I saw some very saucy lingerie shots that we did the other day," she whispers, her brown eyes sparkling.

"They were a bit racy, but I thought, 'Oh well, if they put my daughter through school...'"

Here Jamelia tells us what it feels like to be Britain's most alluring superstar...

● **Have you ever not been happy with your body?**

"Only when I was about 15, but I think everyone goes through that. Since I've had my daughter I've definitely become more curvaceous."

"It could be motherhood or getting out of the relationship I was in and getting that strength and independence."

● **Does who you're dating affect how you feel about yourself?**

"Because my last relationship had such a huge impact on the person I was, I'm definitely more closed off now."

"I want to feel safe and I'm not going to allow someone to dictate what my mood's going to be."

"But if I'm with the right person, he wouldn't make me feel that way anyway."

● **Everyone seems to fancy you - Justin Timberlake, Usher... What's your secret?**

"I'm just the girl of the minute. Don't get me wrong, it's flattering and I



Read more from Jamelia in the latest issue of NEW WOMAN magazine, out now

keep all the articles for an ego boost.

"When I'm feeling sad I can think: 'At least this person fancies me'."

● **What was the Usher thing?**

"I met him and we were quite flirtatious, but it wasn't anything more than that. People always know when you like them back."

● **So you liked him, then?**

"I did for a bit, but my concentration span's really short, so for someone to keep my attention... I mean, he's nice but he's not my type."

● **What has been your ultimate pinch-yourself moment?**

"Donatella Versace had a dinner party and invited me. Madonna was there, Liz Hurley, etc, etc... and they were all so nice to me."

● **...and you met Gwyneth Paltrow, didn't you?**

"She's absolutely lovely. We were talking kids and stuff."

● **You're officially our best-dressed pop star. How do you manage to wear short skirts and not look trashy?**

[Laughs] "Oh, I've seen pictures of myself and I've been like: 'Oh my God!'"

"Especially when I've forgotten to wear shorts underneath and then the photographers purposefully go up underneath you. It's not nice to see your bum in the paper."

● **How are you when boys come and chat you up?**

"People say you make your judgment about someone in the first 10 seconds. For me it's about two."

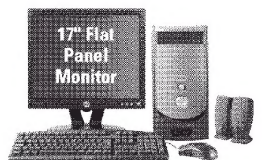
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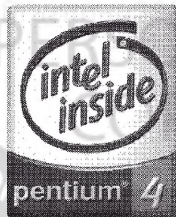
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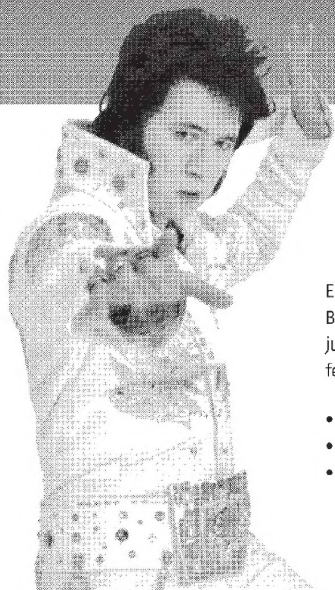
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**NICKED: He's been stolen away in the new version**

# POSTER COP'S A ROBBER

**A POLICE poster has been scrapped because one of the models posing as an officer is a convicted robber.**

Red-faced Police Federation chiefs have hastily had new versions of the campaigning posters printed – minus mugger Simon Harrison.

The posters were pinned up at every police station in England and Wales as part of a drive to encourage officers from ethnic minorities to stand as local reps for the federation – the police union. Simon, now a part-time model, was shown posing proudly as a detective after being picked for the job by an agency.

## Blunder

Federation chiefs had been so desperate to avoid any mistakes, they asked Scotland Yard to recommend a model agency. But no one checked whether those booked through Hertfordshire-based MOT Models had criminal records.

The blunder was exposed when the policeman, who had arrested him 18 years before spotted him in the poster.

Simon, now in his 30s,

was convicted of street robbery in the 80s.

Federation chairman Jan Berry said in a private memo to representatives across the country: "We took a conscious decision not to use serving police officers and decided to use an agency to supply the models."

"Regrettably, it has come to our knowledge that one of the models has a criminal conviction."

Mike Ellis, managing director of MOT Models, said: "It's impossible to check up on everybody who works through us."

He insisted Simon was a reformed character who was "distraught" at having his past dragged up.

## Spy who dished the dirt

■ by ANNE ROBERTS  
HEALTH chiefs at an superbug-infested hospital were caught out when an NHS hygiene inspector was admitted as a patient.

Diane Jennings, 54, kept a daily record of "dirty and unhygienic practices" during her month's stay.

She blew the whistle when she went home after a severe bug went round the ward at Morriston Hospital, Swansea.

Mother-of-two Diane, of Neath, West Glamorgan, said the ward was only mopped once every three days and the mop was black with dirt.

## Stay

Beds were not moved once for cleaning during her four-week stay. And loos went for days without cleaning.

"If something isn't done soon at that hospital, then superbugs will be the norm," said Diane.

She has now formally complained to Swansea NHS Trust, which is investigating her report.

A spokesman for ISS Mediclean – which is employed by the Trust to keep wards clean – said the allegations were being taken "very seriously".

■ LEADING Tory peer Baroness Flatih has sparked fury after warning poor couples not to have more than three kids because of the cost. Glasgow mum-of-10 Eileen McCloy, 45, said children from big families learn to care for others.

## None for the road

CHRISTMAS revellers are being warned to leave their cars at home if they intend drinking any alcohol at all.

The Government launches its seasonal campaign today with anti-drink-drive slogans on milk cartons and at off-licences, bars and pubs.

Last year, 560 people were killed in drink-related crashes while 2,600 were seriously injured.

Transport secretary Alistair Darling urged: "You can't calculate your own drink-drive limit and the only safe way is not to drink and drive."

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**SQUARE DANCE:** Shane and his pals belt out their number on the Xmas special

## Shane on song in Square bash

SHANE Richie proves he's a proper cockney geezer when he leads the EastEnders Christmas Party knees up. Shane, 40 – barman Alfie in the BBC soap – is joined by double Olympic gold medal winner Kelly Holmes, 34, and teen-band McFly for a rendition of Santa Claus Is Coming To Town, to be screened on Christmas Eve. Kim Medcalf, 30, (Sam Mitchell) sings Wham!'s Last Christmas. And Brit Award-winner Lemar, 26, does a turn with Pam St Clement, 62, (Pat Butcher) and Adam Woodyatt, 36 (Ian Beale).



**SINGALONG:** Shane gives a big finish

# ADAM GETS A NEW FACE



**HACKED OFF:** Iain

**CORRIE chiefs have chopped a teenage actor because he looks too young to be their new heart-throb.**

Bosses are bringing back factory owner Mike Baldwin's long-lost son Adam Barlow in the New Year.

They promise a string of major storylines which will dominate the start to 2005.

But in a secret screen test last week they made 16-year-old Scot Iain de Caestecker re-apply for the role that's always been his and he lost out.

Instead the Street's top brass offered the

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by JOHN MAHONEY

lucrative six-month contract to 18-year-old newcomer Sam Robertson – a male model with virtually no acting experience.

Glasgow-born Iain is said to be "well hacked off" at being dumped.

A Street source revealed: "The way that Adam comes back into the series meant he needed to look older and unfortunately Iain simply didn't."

"He has to interact with Sarah Platt as her boyfriend and he also has a big part to play with the factory. He has been away for a while and the viewers will realise when they see him that he has grown up a lot and is indeed a mature, handsome young man."

## Battled

"He becomes part of the new Baldwin dynasty which is being built up in the series and the show has big hopes for him."

"Iain was quite miffed that he didn't get the part, but accepts that's part and parcel of television."

Adam became a viewers' favourite between 2001 and last year and was at the centre of a heart-felt storyline when his dad and grandad, played by Johnny Briggs, 69, and William Roache, 72, battled for his attentions.

## Shad's an ugly pucker

EMMERDALE slob Shadrach Dingle tries to punch well above his weight when he puckers up for a snog under the mistletoe with sexy Sadie King.

Sadie (Patsy Kensit, 36) pulls away in disgust when the village layabout (Andy Devine) accosts her.

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**KISS OFF:** Shadrach is given the knock-back by horrified Sadie

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